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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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CHEROKEE FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, SY, US, PLO

SUBJECT: PLO RESERVATION OF ITS POSITION ON REFUGEE
WORDING IN RESOLUTION 242

REF: STATE 124677, MAY 31, 1977

1. SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD HAS CONVEYED
THROUGH SAUDI AMBASSADOR HERE QUERY WHETHER WE HAD A
"SPECIFIC PERCEPTION" OR A "SUGGESTED TEXT" FOR A RESERVA-
TION BY THE PLO REGARDING RESOLUTION 242. SAUDI AMBASSADOR
SPECULATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT EITHER HAD ALREADY DIS-
CUSSED THIS IDEA WITH THE PLO OR INTENDED TO DO SO SHORTLY.

2. I TOLD THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR THAT, IN RAISING THIS
SUBJECT WITH PRINCE FAHD DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT, WE
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ABOUT SPECIFIC LANGUAGE. I SAID I WOULD REFLECT ON THE
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PRINCE SAUD THAT I APPRECIATE HIS FOLLOWING UP THE SUBJECT
WITH US AND THAT I WILL WANT TO COVER IT IN THE TALKS I
EXPECT TO HAVE IN SAUDI ARABIA THIS SUMMER.

3. YOU SHOULD LET THE SYRIANS KNOW, MEANWHILE, THAT THE

SAUDIS HAVE MENTIONED THIS TO US. YOU SHOULD REITERATE THAT IN RAISING IT WITH FAHD IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE HAD NOT PLACED ANY PARTICULAR STRESS ON THE IDEA AND DID NOT ASK THEM TO PURSUE IT WITH THE PLO. SINCE THE SAUDIS HAVE NOW TAKEN IT UP WITH US IN A MORE SPECIFIC WAY, WE MAY PURSUE IT FURTHER WITH THEM ON MY VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST LATER THIS SUMMER. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE WANTED TO KEEP THE SYRIANS INFORMED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS ON THE SUBJECT, SINCE WE HAD ASKED THEM TO TAKE IT UP, AND THAT WE ARE ALSO INFORMING PRINCE SAUD IN A GENERAL WAY, WITHOUT GOING INTO DETAILS OF OUR EXCHANGES WITH SYRIANS, THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS IDEA WITH SYRIANS AS WELL.

4. YOU SHOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESTATE THE NATURE OF THE PROPOSAL, WHICH THE SAUDIS APPEAR TO HAVE UNDERSTOOD AS WE INTENDED IT AND WHICH THEY MAY WELL HAVE CONVEYED TO THE PLO IN THAT FORM. I LEAVE IT TO YOU WITH WHOM TO TAKE THIS UP IN THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT. VANCE

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